



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 11, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Airport Administration, Airport Department

SUBJECT: Airport Public Art Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Airport Director to execute an agreement between the City and the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, subject to approval by the City Attorney, for the long-term loan of a mural by the artist Channing Peake.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The Airline Terminal Project is now under construction and will be completed in 2011.

One component of the Project is a public art program. Airport staff has been working with the City Arts Committee, Visual Arts in Public Places Committee, and the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission staff in the development of the Public Arts Program.

The Public Art Program consists of three public art components: the long-term loan of existing art to the Airport, commissioned art that will be part of the Terminal architecture, and a rotating exhibit of regional art.

Channing Peake Mural

The Santa Barbara County Arts Commission has approved the long-term loan to the City of a mural by renowned artist Channing Peake for display in the new Airline Terminal.

The mural, which was painted in the early 1920s, hung in the El Paseo Restaurant for many years. It consists of five panels portraying a carnival or fiesta. At its new home in the Airport Terminal, over 2,200 passengers will view the vibrantly colored mural each day.

The proposed agreement provides for the transportation, restoration, installation and maintenance of the mural by the City. The City must also insure the mural against all risk of physical loss or damage. The total cost of restoration is a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,000.

The Airport's Public Art Program will be more robust because of the generous loan of significant art by organizations such as the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission. Installation of works of historical or cultural value to the community at the Airport will greatly increase the number of people able to see and appreciate them, and help create the ambiance known as the "Santa Barbara experience" in the new terminal building.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funding for the Airport Public Arts Program is included in the Airline Terminal Improvement Project with \$100,000 of the Project budget allocated for that purpose. Additionally, grant funding is also being pursued to leverage the program budget.

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office